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J. C. MERRITT.—Representative from Carroll county, was born at Findlay, Hancock county, Ohio, September 29, 1870. With his parents he came to Glidden, Carroll county, March 17, 1880. After living in Glidden a short time the family moved to a farm nearby on which Representative Merritt made his home for forty years. He moved into Glidden four years ago but continues to operate the home farm, known as Maplehurst Farm. He was married January 19, 1898, to Louisa B. Elwood. He has been active in business affairs, particularly insurance, for many years as well as in farming. He has served for fifteen years as secretary of the Farmer's Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance associations of Carroll county. On October 14, 1914, was elected state secretary of the Farmer's Co-operative Elevator Mutual Insurance Association, and on January 22, 1925, was elected president of the Farmers' Grain Dealers Association of Iowa. Has been a member of the directory board of the Glidden Farmer's Elevator Company since its organization July 16, 1906, and has served as president for the past fourteen years. He has also been active in the public affairs of his county and town. A republican in politics.